



Ways of Cooking Trout.

The ideal way of cooking trout is the simplest. Choose fish weighing about a quarter of a pound. After cleaning them wipe them well and lay them upon a plate with a tablespoonful of melted butter and a little pepper.

After rolling the fish well broil them for about five minutes on the flesh side and two on the other and serve them without delay. Prepare trout in exactly the same way and wrap them in writing paper that has been thoroughly soaked in melted butter, after first laying a very thin strip of larding pork under the fish. The paper should be tied loosely over the fish, so that there is only one thickness between it and the heat; then lay the fish on their envelopes in a baking pan and bake them in a hot oven for 25 minutes. Serve them in their envelopes, removing the strings alone to insure their being eaten hot and in perfection, is the advice of a writer in the New York Tribune.

A Step in Advance in France.

Mme. Henri Schmeidl, the valiant champion of women in France and founder of The Avant Courriers, has won what may be considered as a preparatory victory that bodes well for the eventual success of her campaign in the cause of feminine reform. M. Goiran, a deputy and a lawyer by profession, has just brought in a bill embodying the two essential reforms which The Avant Courriers is intended to further. As will be remembered, these two all important reforms are the repeal of the law by which no Frenchwoman can act as witness to a legal deed and the passing of a French married woman's property act. Of course M. Goiran's bill may be thrown out, but the mere fact that a bill of the kind should be put before the house at all is a great step in advance.

Girls Objected to the Uniform.

The Pacific Hotel company has issued an order that the girls presiding over its lunch counters and its dining rooms must wear a blue serge dress, rather loose fitting and reaching just below the knee, and also a blue cap, sailor fashion. Miss Mamie Kelly and Miss Lou Kogge, who serve the coffee and pie at the Omaha Union depot, objected to donning the uniform and rather than do so resigned. The girls say the uniform is neither becoming nor pretty and is far from modest. It is understood the girls along the Union Pacific object to wearing it and will quit before they will do so. In speaking of the matter to a friend, the girls said they thought that it was "perfectly horrid."—Omaha Dispatch.

Drummond on the Ascent of Woman.

Professor Drummond, whose "Ascent of Man" has been attracting so much attention, is also a believer in the ascent of woman. In a speech at Haddo House, Lord Aberdeen's place, the other day, he remarked that "woman had been put through a marvelous discipline during the long night of history to teach her the virtues of unselfishness, tenderness, patience, compassion and love, so that she might become the teacher of the world, and it was quite certain, by all the laws of science and all the traditions of the world's past, that the great factor in the future evolution of society must be the ascent of woman."—Westminster Gazette.

Harriet Hosmer's Gift.

The Art Institute of Chicago has received a gift from Harriet Hosmer of the cast she made in 1853 of the clasped hands of Robert Browning and his wife. This is the case of which Hawthorne wrote in "The Marble Faun." "It symbolizes the individuality and heroic union of two high, poetic lives." The autograph of "Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Rome, May, 1853," is on the wrist of one; "Robert Browning, Rome," on the wrist of the other. Miss Hosmer refused in England an offer of \$5,000 for this unique cast.

Women in Sugar.

No fewer than 100 women appear on a Louisiana list of persons producing sugar and receiving bounty thereon. They are either individual operators or are members of sugar producing firms, and their business compares very favorably with that of men. The firm of Ware & Baker collected \$15,018 bounty in one year and is made up of Mary E. Ware and Elizabeth E. Baker. In the firm of Wheaten & Weems Mrs. Floretta Wheaten is the senior partner, with Mr. R. E. Weems the junior member.

Another "Soul" Married.

Another of the famous "souls" of London has married, Miss Violet Maxse, who has lately become Lady Cecil. The literary tastes of the bride were hinted at by the large number of books to be found among her wedding gifts and by the presence at her bridal of such distinguished writers as Mrs. Humphry Ward, Mr. George Meredith and Mr. Oscar Wilde.

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LITTLE WHALERS.

Children Who Are With the Fleet Away Up in the Arctic Circle.

The budget of letters that came from the far north last Sunday brought news of an interesting character from the steam whaling fleet now lying at Cape Navarin. The interesting fact is that there are in the party thus cut off from the world for months and years a number of women and children, the fami-



MISS DOROTHY PORTER.

lies of captains. The masters of this steam whalers had to pay well for the privilege, which is a new one in the history of the whaling fleet. A thousand dollars each is the price of their pleasant company, but it's cheap at that when one considers that for perhaps eight months out of the year the whalers lie idle. The cruise may be two years and it may be three, and so the long wait is not joyful in the contemplation of a man who has wife and babies and a cozy home somewhere down in the world. And so the captains who had wives and babies physically fit to go gladly paid for the privilege.

Several of the families that will spend this and other summers and winters in the Arctic are well known in San Francisco. Captain Green of the Alexander has with him his wife, who is the woman of the party with an Arctic experience. On the Jessie H. Freeman are Mrs. Sophie Porter and her small daughter Dorothy. Mrs. Sherman is with her husband on the Beluga, and Captain Weeks of the Thrasher has for passengers his wife and baby son Bert.

Captain Porter's little girl will have the best time ever a little girl had. She will be plunged up to her soft curly bangs in the delights of things to play with. She is a maid of 4 years, and she is going along to accumulate more win-



BABY BERT WEEKS.

ters. She will learn geography without ever knowing that she is learning it. There won't be any rulers, and there won't be any maps, and she will be spared the telling how many capes and points there are up there. She will have as a magical object lesson the phenomena of that strange land, where they have toboggan slides all the year round. She will wear the smallest of seal-skin socks and altogether will have a real Alice in Wonderland time of it. Captain Weeks' little boy Bert will have an experience like the little boy in "Water Babies," only it is to be hoped that the seals won't call him an "elf," like that little boy, because he isn't an "elf," only the plumpiest of baby boys and the youngest white person to enter the Arctic ocean. He will see the "whale" that is big of bone and large of tail and be able to tell the biggest fish story that ever was.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Baby Army For a Baby King.

A pretty and ingenious "toy" has been provided for his majesty Alfonso XIII of Spain, the youngest monarch in Europe, and the little king has been initiated into military life by taking the command of a battalion of troops varying in age from 5 to 8 years. There are 700 of these baby soldiers, and they wear the blue uniform of red cap and the "miquelet" Spanish regulars. The weapons have all been specially made to suit the infant requirement. All the different classes are represented in this battalion, from the small son of General Tolavega down to the sons of laborers and artisans. The drummers are perhaps the most amusing and picturesque members of the party. Their enthusiasm for their work is boundless, but the organization is strictly according to rule, and an officer of the San Sebastian garrison has been drilling the recruits and their officers for a month past.—Westminster Gazette.

Ruth and Her Balloon.

One day, shortly before her mother took her to Gray Gables, little Ruth Cleveland was on the grounds back of the White House. It was nearly dusk, and the president was with her. She held the end of a string in her hand. The other end held captive a toy balloon. While playing she fell and let go of the string, and the balloon sprang upward so quickly that even the president, who jumped for it, couldn't catch it. Ruth picked herself up and saw the balloon sailing over the big trees. The president stood by and waited to console her when she should give way to grief. But she didn't cry. She simply eyed the toy till it melted into a speck and disappeared, and then, with a sigh, said, half to herself: "Oh, well, let Jesus have it."



NEW FANCIES FOR CHILDREN.

The figure at the right shows a crepon frock with bands of insertion and with lace panels, the whole trimmed with beaded ribbon and small loops. The center picture represents a blouse shaped out of shepherd's check. The boy's suit is of fine blue chevot, with blouse and knickerbockers. The blouse is open over a linen shirt with fancy collar.

CHEMICALS IN LAUNDRY WORK.

The Analytical Chemist and His Many Tainted Garments.

Probably every person who has clothing "done up" at the laundries, public and private, has at one time or another—probably frequently—had some article come home in tatters, eaten up by some corrosive material used by the laundry people to save labor. If you make complaint, you are told with much show of indignation that "no chemicals, nothing but pure soap and water," are used in that laundry. You know on such occasions that the party is lying, but you have no recourse except to change laundries, and this is usually swapping the devil for a witch. In fact, you feel that you have been "done up" quite as effectively as your clothing.

It is comforting to know that at last chemical ingenuity has shown itself equal to the task of proving the use of corrosives in the laundry, and that at least one laundry concern has come to grief. The hero of the affair was M. A. Schlumberger, who, for all his Teutonic name, is a Frenchman, residing in Paris. He was recently consulted by a party who had been imposed on by his laundryman until forbearance ceased to be a virtue. Brand new tablecloths, napkins, shirts, etc., would go to the laundry whole and return in tatters.

On looking at the articles the chemist thought that they had been submitted to the action of javel water. He therefore made a weak solution of methylene blue and placed one of the corroded articles in it. In a moment all around the burned spots the blue color fixed itself in the most intense manner, while the other parts were colored weakly. This was proof positive that his suspicions were correct, and the courts subsequently justified him by making the laundryman settle for the articles destroyed.

The next case was a little harder. The articles sent to the laundry were entirely new, but on being returned were found to be eaten in spots. The first named would not work in this case, and since there was no evidence of chlorine the chemist concluded that an acid had been used. After trying two or three reagents he had recourse to a weak solution of bromine (C16 H12 O5). He scattered a few drops of this around the burned or eroded spots and had the pleasure of seeing the rose color changed to yellow, showing that an acid had been used. Subsequently it was shown that the clothing, having been thrown carelessly into some receptacle, had become spotted with iron rust, and this latter had been removed by oxalic acid. The acid had been carelessly used and had eaten out the fabric wherever it was applied.

In the absence of any statute specifically bearing upon the subject, and in the presence of the fact that the use by the laundries of javel water, liquor caloris chlorinate and other like preparations, oxalic acid, etc., is almost universal, and that the laundries, without exception, disclaim the use of these corrosive and mischievous preparations, it would seem that the offenders might be reached under the statute punishing the obtaining of money under false pretenses and careless destruction of property. With the chemical means of providing the offense at hand, a conviction ought to follow. The editor of The National Druggist of St. Louis will give his services as chemical expert free to the first party who will undertake a prosecution.—National Druggist.

Temperature and Brain Work.

The influence of the weather on the brain is a subject which awaits investigation and will repay it. Most people feel the influence of dull days, east winds and extreme cold on their spirits and energies, mental or physical. An Arctic cold and a tropical heat are unfavorable to literary composition, for example, and we speak of the cold "freezing our wits," an expression which is not altogether figurative, but rests on

a common experience. Goethe found that his capacity for mental work depended on the height of the barometer, and other instances of meteorological influence on the mind could be collected from the writings of celebrated men. Suicide occurs most frequently in summer, perhaps owing to heat and exhaustion, and not, as might be supposed, in winter.—London Globe.

The Discovery of Glass.

There is little or nothing known with certainty in regard to the invention or discovery of glass. Some of the oldest specimens are Egyptian, and the age of certain glass vessels made by that people which are now kept in the British museum is believed to be at least 4,194 years, dating back to the year 2300 B. C. Transparent glass was first used about 750 B. C., the credit of this latter discovery being given to the Phoenicians. The old story of its accidental discovery is familiar. Merchants who were resting their cooling pots on blocks of subcarbonate of soda found glass produced by the union, under heat, of the alkali and the sands of the desert.—St. Louis Republic.

Injun Too Big For His Cell.

There is trouble on the Unatilla Indian reservation because the cells in the calaboose are too small. The other day Switchlick, one of the tallest of the government wards on the reservation, was arrested, and he could not enter the door of the guardhouse erect and in the morning was found curled up like a spiral spring because the cell was not long enough for him to lie straight in. The Indian is 7 feet tall, and the Indian police think the government should build a new jail there.—Portland Oregonian.

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